

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

May 23, 2013

Minutes of the Economic Development Commission held at 8:30 A.M., on Thursday, May 23, 2013.

Members Present: First Selectman Freda, Richard LoPresti, Frank Maher, Radha Prasad, Deborah Moore, Walter Mann, Walter Spader

Members Absent: Christopher Duby, Todd DePino

MINUTES

Chairman LoPresti asked for approval of the Minutes of the Regular meeting held on April 25, 2013. Ms. Moore moved their acceptance, seconded by Mr. Prasad.

VOTE:	LoPresti -Yes	Freda - Yes	Maher - Yes
	Moore - Yes	Mann – Yes	Prasad – Yes
	Spader - Yes		

RESTAURANT WEEK

Ms. Moore distributed packets of information regarding Restaurant Week from various area towns. She said there are about 30 towns that participate within the state. Ms. Moore said that we could participate in this program either through the Quinnipiac Chamber which would include other area towns or directly through Connecticut Restaurant Week which would only include North Haven.

Mr. Spader felt that if we promote this program with the Chamber we would have more support and have a stronger sell.

Mr. LoPresti felt that we should just highlight North Haven restaurants. He said that the Chamber is in transition and wouldn't recommend that we work with them at this time. Mr. LoPresti said we should outline our next steps – do we need a sponsor – how are we going to fund this – should we meet with other towns to discuss, etc. Mr. Freda recommended that we meet with the owner of Leon's who has a lot of experience with restaurant week. Ms. Moore said that she would contact him.

COMMISSION UPDATE

Mr. LoPresti said that he has secured Holiday Inn for September 26th for our fall breakfast. He asked commission members to think about items for the agenda.

Mr. Maher said that he read the report prepared by CERC for northern Washington Avenue and he found it to be very generic. Mr. Freda explained that if was just a preliminary report and the September report will be more clearly defined identifying businesses indigenous to northern Washington Avenue.

M. FREDA UPDATE

Mr. Freda gave an update on the various economic development projects he is working on. Mr. Freda said that there are many ongoing projects and once they have been confirmed, he will report on them.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for June 27, 2013 at **8:15 a.m.**

There being no further business before the Commission, Ms. Moore moved to adjourn the meeting at 9: 20 AM, seconded by Mr. Maher.